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CHEROKEE FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HUSSEIN VISIT

REF: STATE 101041, AMMAN 3592

1. FYI: WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED YOUR REQUEST THAT
WE SEEK AN ALTERNATE DATE FOR A HUSSEIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON
BEFORE TELLING HUSSEIN THAT A VISIT IN THE MAY 25-JUNE 4
PERIOD WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. THE PROBLEM FOR US IS THAT
WE HOPE TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH THE ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD TO A POINT WHERE WE WILL THEN WANT TO GO
TO HUSSEIN AND PRESS HIM TO ENTER THE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY.
WHEN THAT MOMENT ARRIVES, WE WOULD PROBABLY RECOMMEND TO
THE PRESIDENT THAT HE SEE HUSSEIN ON A WORKING VISIT, AND
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WE ARE CONFIDENT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR
PROPOSAL. AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT PREDICT WHEN
THAT PROPER MOMENT WILL OCCUR, AND, CONSIDERING THE DEMANDS
ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE, WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A COM-
PELLING CASE FOR A HUSSEIN VISIT ON ANY OTHER BASIS. END
FYI.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT FOR YOU TO CONVEY THE POINTS CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL INSTRUCTION (STATE 101041). YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ADD,

HOWEVER, THAT AMBASSADOR ATHERTON, ON HIS NEXT TRIP TO THE AREA, WILL WANT TO GIVE HUSSEIN A FULL BRIEFING ON HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS STAND, AS HE DID ON HIS LAST VISIT TO AMMAN.

3. FINALLY, YOU COULD POINT OUT THAT GENERAL BIN SHAKER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION SESSION THE WEEK OF JUNE 18 CONSTITUTES A CURRENTLY SCHEDULED HIGH-LEVEL MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF JORDAN'S MILITARY PROGRAMS. CHRISTOPHER

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